



The Oral, Words & Language Project

Kilkenny County Council Library Service have developed this programme as part of our Right to Read Literacy Action Plan. It covers a range of topics, supporting parents and children to increase oral language and literacy skills.

Winter Literacy Series with Dr. Mary Roche:
Dip Ed; MA, PhD

Through these talks, Mary will

Look at a range of activities that parents/caregivers can use to develop oral language and comprehension:

- Examine and explore how we might engage in reading picture books with young children
- Reading aloud strategies
- Different types of conversations that can be had
- Exploration and demonstration of age-appropriate books for young children



Talk 1:

Tuesday 1st November 6.30-7.30pm

Talk 2:

Tuesday 15th November 6.30-7.30pm

Talk 3:

Tuesday 22nd November 6.30-7.30pm

Talks will be held in City library, John's Quay

Contact us for more details.

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Mary Roche PhD: author of *Developing Children's Critical Thinking through Picturebooks* (Routledge 2015). Mary's 'Critical Thinking and Book Talk' (CT & BT) approach has been adopted by the National Council Curriculum Assessment, (NCCA) and (PDST) Literacy Advisers have now demonstrated to every primary teacher nationally how to use Mary's CT&BT approach. Mary is a frequent speaker at conferences at home and abroad (e.g., Literacy Association of Ireland; UK Literacy Association; Dolly Parton Imagination Library; Brookes College Oxford; OMEP Ireland, Oxford Reading Spree; New South Wales Education Department) and has delivered several keynote addresses.

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